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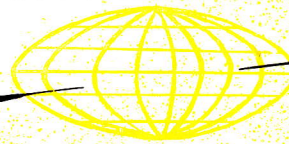
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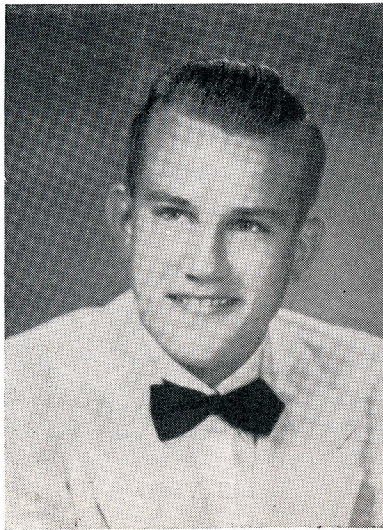
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TEEN-AGERS FIND CHALLENGE



Ronnie Gullett
Mount Vernon, Ohio

Faith Strengthened

I was born November 14, 1937, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Gullett. My mother was the only Christian in the family until August of 1950, when my younger sister (eleven years old at the time) took Christ as her Saviour. Although I had been going to Sunday School all my life, I would never stay for church. After many attempts my mother and sister got me to go to one of the church services. There the preacher told of this wonderful Christ who could forgive us for all we had done.

I had always thought a Christian was a dead-pan, but suddenly I saw something great about the Christian life. So it was on that night of February 1, 1951, that I accepted Jesus Christ as my Saviour. My whole being was changed, and I had never felt that great in all my life. I started telling everyone at school about what had happened, and won many of my buddies to Christ.

I got all the Christian fellows together and we started a YFC Club. Through God's help we won fifty of the students to Christ and had a total of one hundred and twenty in the Club. We also had prayer meetings every morning.

Although this Christian life was wonderful, it was really hard to live, and the devil really tried to get me

Youth Conference Dates:
MARCH 25, 26, 27

down. Through a preacher I had met in Youth for Christ, I heard of a big Youth Conference that Taylor University was having. He told me it was terrific and I'd have the time of my life. So I went. Dr. Bob Cook of Youth for Christ was there. When I saw all the Christian young people, the singing, the testimonies and the challenge presented by Dr. Bob, God did something for my heart he had never done for me before. I gave my complete life to Jesus.

The next year He led me to Columbus, Ohio, to work with Youth for Christ. We now have 18 YFC Bible Clubs, a weekly rally, a radio program, Youth Guidance, gospel teams, music groups, and we have had over one hundred decisions for Christ. I know that one of the biggest helps in this work was the burden I received at Taylor Youth Conference.

Whole Family Changed

Youth Conference has meant a great deal in my life because it was at Youth Conference that my Mother and Father were saved, I dedicated my life to Christ and later received a foreign mission call. It all began in 1943 when my Father and Mother were asked to drive a group of young people from our church to Youth Conference. It was while they were attending Youth Conference that Mother, Dad, and several others from our church were saved.

After we returned home, plans were set up for a Youth Conference Echo meeting the following Sunday night. At the Echo meeting many of the converts testified as to what God had done for them at Youth Conference. When the altar call was given many responded. That night the Sunday School superintendent and many other people who are now Sunday School teachers and departmental superintendents were saved. This definitely affected the entire Sunday School and church. A spiritual upsurge took place in our church



Donna Lauterbach
Columbus, Ohio

that Sunday night because of Taylor's 1943 Youth Conference.

In 1948 I saw my need of confessing my sins and accepting Christ.

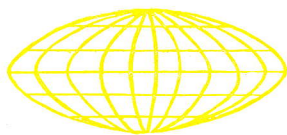
In 1951 when I was thirteen years of age, I attended my first Youth Conference. While I was there, the Holy Spirit spoke to me and showed me the need of surrendering my life and my will to the Lord. The following year at Youth Conference, I felt the call to full-time Christian service as a missionary.

Soon after I promised God at Youth Conference to be a missionary, the Lord gave me the opportunity of establishing a Y.F.C. Bible Club in my high school. Through this Bible Club I have had the privilege of working among many young people and of presenting salvation to them.

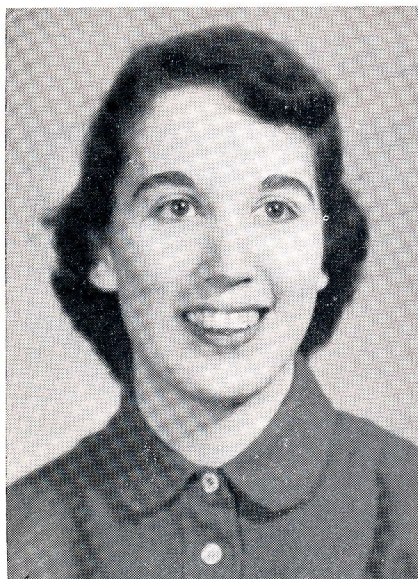
I haven't missed a Youth Conference since I attended my first one in 1951. Each conference has been a time of feasting upon God's Word. Every year I have received a greater challenge to press on in the work to which the Lord has called me.

Next fall, at the school to which the Lord leads me, I will begin to prepare for the foreign mission field.

As you can see, all this has been the direct outgrowth of that Youth Conference back in 1943 when twenty people from my church were saved.



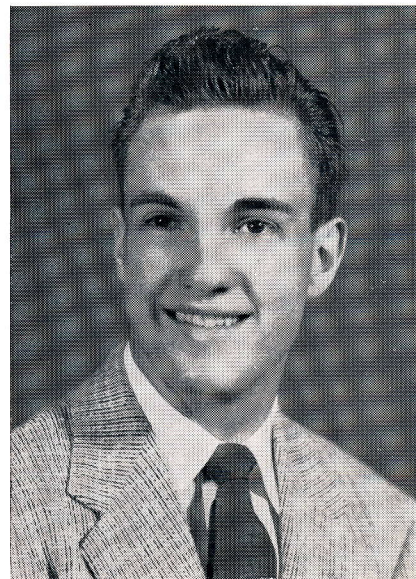
CO-CHAIRMEN EXPRESS VIEWS



Roselyn Baugh

Left: Roselyn Baugh, a senior from Evansville, Ind., is active in the Future Teachers of America and other campus organizations in addition to her work as Youth Conference co-chairman. "Rosie" is preparing to teach as a missionary.

Right: Bill Yoder, from Wooster, Ohio, is also a senior missionary candidate. He was a member of a men's quartet that traveled in Germany for two summers.



Bill Yoder

Youth Conference— Its Goals

I imagine many of you have asked yourselves what Youth Conference really is, and what it is hoping to accomplish. First, let me tell you that it is a weekend program planned just for **you**. We are endeavoring, through prayer and planning, to present the Gospel of Christ in such a way that many of our high school guests will see their need of knowing our Christ as a personal Saviour, and will accept His love and find the real peace that comes through knowing Him. Our second purpose is to help each Christian young person at Youth Conference to discover God's will for his or her life, and dedicate himself to Christ. Another purpose is to provide inspiration and encouragement, as well as Christian fellowship, for the many young people who come on our campus already knowing Christ and endeavoring to serve Him.

I am thankful for the way Youth Conference has fulfilled those purposes in my own life. During Youth Conference my freshman year at Taylor, the Lord called me, and I surrendered myself to Him at that time, answering the call of missions. Working on the Youth Conference Cabinet the past three years has been the source of some of my greatest spiritual blessings. The Lord has

been a real Friend and Guide to me. I cannot thank Him enough for His faithfulness and constant encouragement. A promise that has helped me as I have waited upon Him during this year is Isaiah 26:3—"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee; because he trusteth in thee."

—Roselyn Baugh

Youth Conference— Its Theme

To many people, the word "venture" would suggest a gamble or risk, and so it should. Those who would dare to toy with the fickle fortunes of the world and lay their bodies, souls, and reputations on sin's table, find to their sorrow and utter dismay that life is little more than a blind bargain with destiny. The youth of today speaks volumes when he maintains that the 20th century world of strife and uncertainty has little to offer to him.

Never before has the world so desperately needed a message of mercy and trust. The sun never sets on the war scars of the past decade. Man's dubious ability to destroy himself has done nothing to affect his spiritual helplessness. In addition, Satan, the god of this world, is working feverishly, using every means at his disposal to blind the minds of an al-

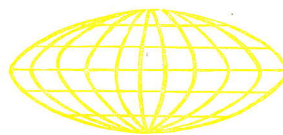
ready lost humanity. Doors are closing to needy lands. Materialism and self-sufficiency are dimming the light of the "glorious gospel of Christ."

In an age of urgency, it is of utmost necessity that we look to youth. But to whom are the youth to look? For you to trust in the world would merely be a vicious circle of despair. It is now that we discover a new meaning for "venture." Jesus said: "I am the way, the truth, and the life..." It is in Him that a venture of chance is changed to a venture of faith and trust.

It is altogether fitting that youth should be used of God. Miriam was only a young girl when she **ventured** into the Nile river to protect her brother, Moses. David was but a lad when he **ventured** forth against Goliath. Timothy was a young man when he **ventured** out to spiritual warfare with Paul. Today the voice of God pleads, particularly with YOUTH: "Who will go for us..."

In my own Christian venture I have claimed Romans 8:28 as my anchor: "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose." It is my prayer that, claiming God's promises, you may make the 1955 Taylor Youth Conference the beginning of your "Venture With Christ."

—Bill Yoder

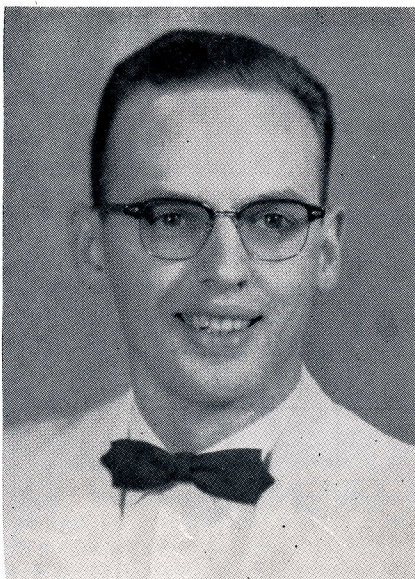


Chorus Writer Gives Testimony



My most earnest prayer is that Galatians 2:20 always might be found true in me as I sojourn through this life: "I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me." Knowing that my life is not my own, I desire to walk with Him only, to be a vessel fit for use, and a channel through which Calvary love can reach sin-sick souls of the world.

Joan Selleck

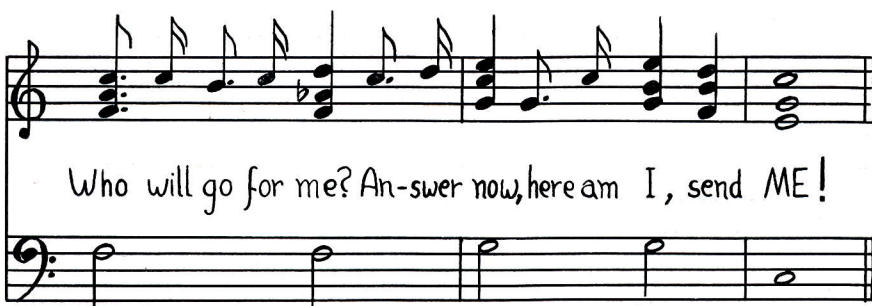
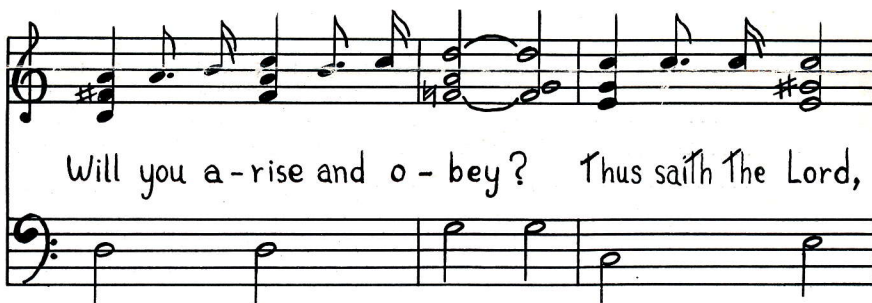
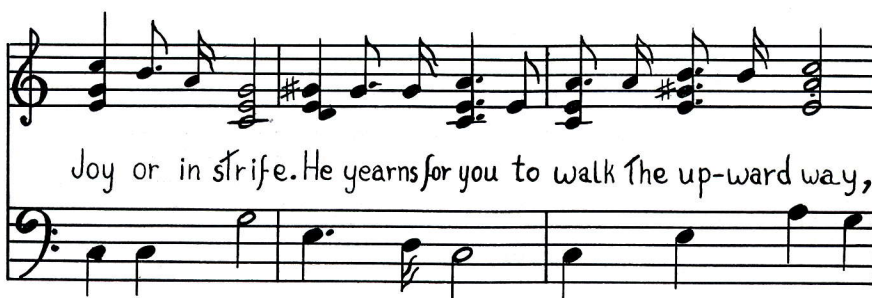


Mike Murphy, Chorister

VENTURE WITH CHRIST

J.S.,

Joan Selleck



Conference Music Planned for Variety and Inspiration

This year, as in past years, a great musical treat is in store for you at Youth Conference. The great Gospel songs which we love so well will be sung by the beloved Men's Chorus; the Trumpet Trio, with their difficult and inspiring arrangements, will thrill your hearts; and this year, adding to our ministry in music, will be the Ladies' Triple Trio giving testimony in song to our Saviour. Special musical packages arranged to make the Gospel story more meaningful in your life, a violin trio, male quartets, ladies' trios, vocal solos and duets will all be contributing to the services to make the 1955 Youth Conference an event long to be remembered.



Central Planning Committee



The youth conference sponsors, co-chairmen, secretary and treasurer discuss the plans for this year's conference.

Sponsors	Prof. Ralph Thompson, Miss Hazel Butz
Co-Chairmen	Roselyn Baugh, Bill Yoder
Secretary	Ann Donker
Treasurer	Glen Crabb
Registrar	Bill Plumb
Prayer Co-Chairmen	Ruth Unkenholz, Jim Robertson
Altar Co-Chairmen	Ramona Ferguson, Bob Hankins
Discussion Group Co-Chairmen	Alta Blasdell, Stan Reed
Publicity Chairman	Loren Lindholm
Assistant	Rita Gerhardt
Chorister	Mike Murphy
Accommodations	Curt Smith, Delois Stoesze, Arleon Kelly
Traffic Manager	Brad Moore
Hostess	Carolyn Bailey
Bell-hop	Bob Morgan
Technician	Leroy De Long
Decoration Chairman	Rod Liechty
Assistant	Joan Selleck

Missionary Night Reflects Spirit of Bishop Taylor

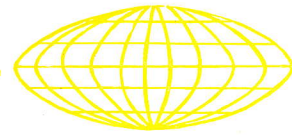
One of the most important services of Youth Conference is the challenge of missions, presented on Saturday night. Music, special features, and the message are centered around the command of Christ to "Go...into all the world." During these missionary services, many young people have received a vision of those in heathen night who have never heard the message of salvation. Many have dedicated their lives as messengers of the Gospel of Christ.

Missionary night at Youth Conference reflects the interest of Taylor University in a missionary program. Bishop William Taylor, for whom the school was named, had as his main objective world evangelization, and this spirit is still a part of this university. At present Taylor has a film being shown in churches across our country, called "Angel in Ebony." It is the story of Sammy Morris, an African prince, who was saved in the jungles of Africa and later came to Taylor to further his education. His life for Christ has inspired Taylor students throughout the years, and is now challenging others, to give their lives in service for Christ, to accomplish what Sammy in his short lifetime could not do.

Another vital part of Taylor's missionary emphasis is the Ambassadors for Christ organization. This group meets weekly to pray for missions and to hear missionary speakers. Each fall the Ambassadors sponsor a missionary conference to challenge students to give their lives in full-time service for Christ.

One proof of the influence of missions on Taylor students is that one out of every twelve graduates since 1846 has gone into full-time missionary service. It is the hope of the Youth Conference Cabinet that the young people who come on the campus might receive a vision of the need in the world, and follow these hundreds of Taylorites who have gone into the harvest fields to serve their Master.

PRAY NOW FOR YOUTH CONFERENCE



Special Message Extended To Pastors

The pastor's role in Taylor's Youth Conference is an important one. The YC Cabinet wishes to thank all of you pastors who have taken an active part in the past years by leading and directing your own young people to Youth Conference. It has been through your guidance that many young people attending these conferences have accepted Christ and have gone out to be vibrant Christians in His service. We again urge you to guide these young people to attend our Youth Conference this year.

It is our prayer that through your promotion of this '55 Youth Conference many young people may attend the conference and then return to your churches with lives that have been strengthened and enriched for Christ's service.

Extra registration blanks are available. Write to the Youth Conference Registrar for the extra blanks you will need.

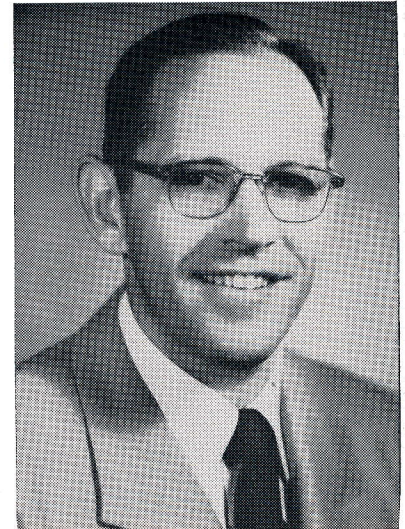


Prayer co-chairmen Ruth Unkenholz and Jim Robertson laying plans for the program of prayer that plays such a vital part in the success of Youth Conference.

Conference Speakers



Rev. Samuel Wolgemuth



Rev. Robert H. Warren

Rev. Wolgemuth, a graduate of Taylor University, is the Deputational Secretary of Youth for Christ International. He has served as a minister and as a bishop in the Church of the Brethren.

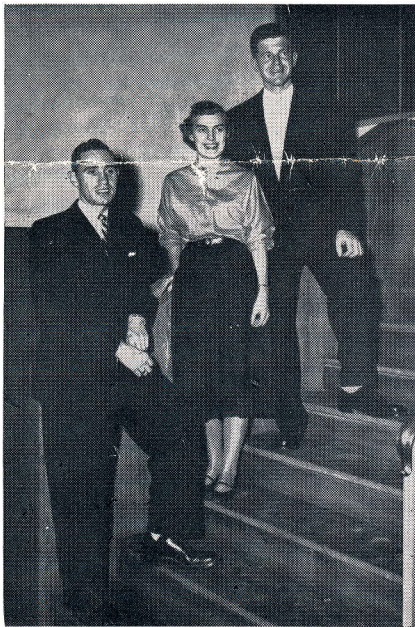
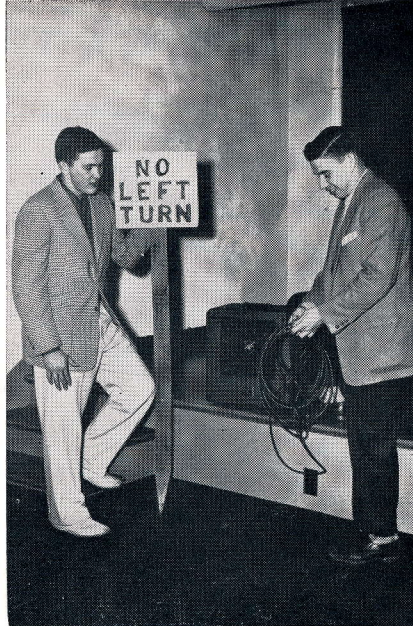
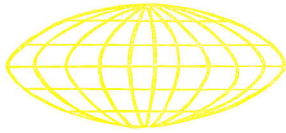
His work abroad has included two years of service as a missionary in Japan and the directorship of Youth for Christ there. In 1953 he was the Director of the World Congress of Evangelism, also in Japan.

Rev. Warren is now serving his ninth year as the pastor of the Los Angeles Pacific College Church. He is a member of the Board of Administration of the Free Methodist Church and also a member of the Commission of Christian Education.

He has formerly served as a hospital chaplain and a U. S. Army chaplain in the South Pacific. Rev. Warren graduated from Greenville College, Greenville, Illinois.

DAILY SCHEDULE

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	6:00 Sunrise: Wolgemuth	6:00 Sunrise: Warren
	7:00 Breakfast	7:00 Breakfast
	8:00 Warren	8:15 Wolgemuth
9:38 Chapel: Wolgemuth	9:00 Discussion Groups	9:15 Discussion Groups
	10:00 Wolgemuth	10:30 Bergwall (offering)
12:00 Registration	11:30 Lunch	12:00 Dinner
	12:45 A Cappella Choir	1:30 Fellowship Hour
	1:45 Discussion Groups	2:15 Warren (offering)
5:00 Dinner	3:00 Warren	
	5:00 Dinner	
7:15 Singspiration	6:00 Consultation	
8:00 Warren	7:30 Missionary Service: Wolgemuth (offering)	7:00 Meditation Hour: Maytag Gym
10:30 Prayer Time	10:30 Prayer Time	



Here are some of the committees who perform the work behind the scenes. Above, left: You'll be sitting in these chairs in discussion groups whose leaders have been under the supervision of Stan Reed and Bunny Blasdel.

Above, right: Traffic Manager Brad Moore with a sign to direct you to the "right" place, and Leroy DeLong, electrician, ponder technical problems.

Below, left: Registrar Bill Plumb with head host and hostess Bob Morgan and Carolyn Bailey, almost the first persons you will see on the campus.

Below, right: Bob Hankins and Ramona Ferguson check on some Bible references and look over tracts for use in the follow-up program.

Youth Conference Counts 22 Successful Years

As fast as the time between today and the 1955 Youth Conference melts away, anticipation for the big weekend rises. The final preparations are begun—preparations which have been going on since 1933, when the first Taylor Youth Conference was only a dream in the hearts and minds of five persons.

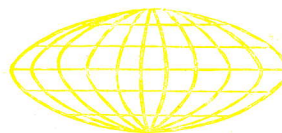
Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Allee, Park Anderson, Marvin Schilling, and Peter Pascoe, members of a Taylor gospel team, lost their way one Sunday evening while enroute to a service. They visited several youth groups in various churches as they inquired for directions to their destination. As a result of this experience this team saw the spiritual needs of youth as never before. The team conceived the idea of inviting youth groups from the surrounding area to the campus for a weekend in an effort to meet these spiritual needs. Presenting the idea to President Robert Stuart and gaining his approval, the members of the gospel team shared their vision with the student body. After much prayer, an enthusiastic group of students had plans under way for the first Youth Conference.

The first conference was held in Shreiner auditorium. Leading the conference were several student speakers, including two members of the original team, and guest ministers. In the words of Park Anderson, "What an experience that first Youth Conference was! In one service every member of the Taylor basketball squad gave testimonials from the platform...and a large number of other fine young men came through to spiritual victories that shall forever stand as a great advance for the kingdom of God."

The next Youth Conference was doubled in attendance, thus making it necessary to hold the services in Maytag Gymnasium. Each succeeding conference has stood as a witness to God's leadership in that many souls have been saved, many drawn closer to Him, and many have dedicated their lives to full time Christian service. The secrets of success in every Taylor Youth Conference are long range planning and prayer in a united and concentrated effort.

Our hope is that the 22nd annual Youth Conference may be even more victorious in presenting Christ as the answer to the needs of young people today.

**PLAN NOW
TO ATTEND MARCH 25-26-27**



INFORMATION YOU'LL NEED

General Expense:

Registration (including insurance)	\$1.30
Room, 50c per night	1.00
5-meal ticket	3.00
Total	\$5.30

Note: Friday evening meal may be obtained for 75c. (Meal served 5:00-5:30 p.m.)

Transportation — Indiana Motor Bus comes directly to Taylor, or you may come by bus or train to Hartford City or Marion. If you want someone to meet you at Hartford City or Marion be sure to include information (date, hour, where, by what means) on reverse side of registration blank. The University telephone number is Up-land 611.

Registration—Return by mail the attached registration blank together with \$1.30. When you arrive on the campus go to Rec. Hall to complete your registration.

Sleeping—We'll furnish the mattress, but you'll need to bring your own bedding.

Insurance Plan Added To Registration

We at Taylor have always done our utmost to provide for the safety of those attending Youth Conference. We maintain a large staff of student traffic directors and fire monitors. The school health service is always available to our guests.

This year, for the protection of our guests, we are initiating an insurance program. Thirty cents is being added to the registration fee to cover this plan. The program, carried through a large insurance company, provides coverage for all types of accidents and sickness during the conference, regardless of the location of the individual, and, **if the individual has been properly pre-registered**, includes travel to and from Youth Conference. We therefore stress the importance of registering before the deadline.



Curt Smith, standing, Accommodations chairman, discusses the problems of housing 1400 Youth Conference visitors with his assistants, DeLois Stoesze, left, and Arleon Kelley.

Eating—Guests coming for the weekend will receive a cafeteria ticket which is included in the General Expense. Guests coming for a shorter period may pay for each individual meal eaten in the

college cafeteria, college grill, or nearby eating establishments.

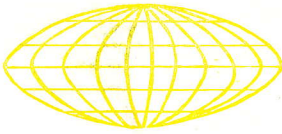
Dress—A set of sport clothes and a suit of "Sunday best," plus your toilet articles.

IMPORTANT—Because of excessively crowded conditions during Youth Conference it is necessary to limit registration. Only those between the ages of 13-25 (except for sponsors) can be guaranteed sleeping quarters at the college.

Cut here and mail promptly—must be postmarked no later than midnight of March 15, 1955.



➡ REGISTER NOW! ➡



Off Campus Accommodations

This list was prepared for those who may desire off-campus lodging. Write directly for reservations.

MARION, INDIANA

Hotels

Spencer Hotel
407 S. Adams

Motels

Broadmoor
State Rd. 37 North
Courtesy
State Rd. 37 North
Queens
1408 W. 10th

HARTFORD CITY, INDIANA

Hotels

Hartford

Motels

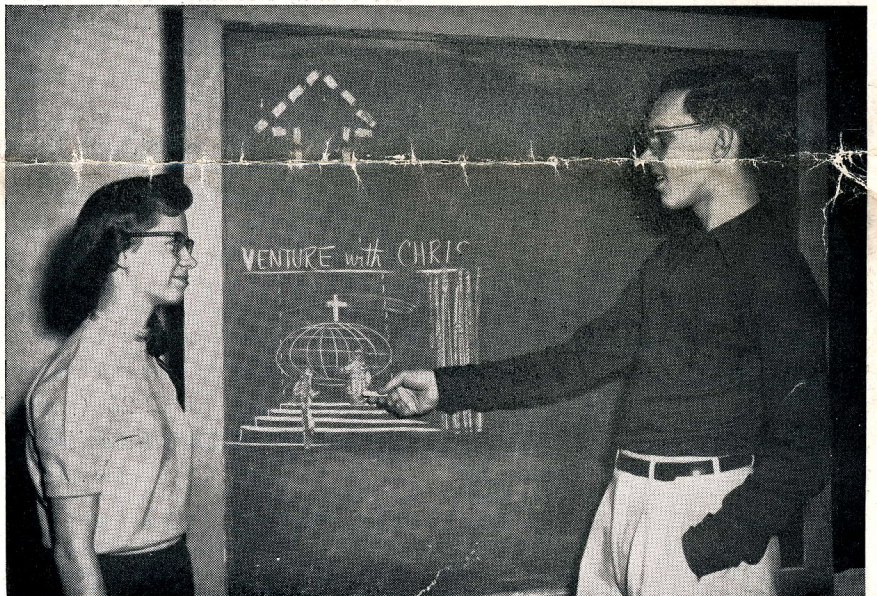
Wagon Wheel
Sunset

Musical Album Available

6 of your favorite Youth Conference numbers recorded on three 78 RPM Bibletone Records. Available at reduced rate.

Above, right: Rita Gerhardt and Loren Lindholm, Publicity Co-chairmen, seem to enjoy the job of getting out advance notice of Youth Conference.

Below, right: Art work and decorations for the Conference are in the skillful hands of Joan Selleck and Rod Liechty.



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